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1. WE INCLINED BELIEVE WE SHOULD HOLD OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DONORS IN AS LOW A KEY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS OUR INTENTION INFORM JAPANESE, AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EMBASSIES HERE AT WORKING LEVEL OF OUR AID CUTS. WE SHALL ALSO INFORM WITTE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT APRIL 15-16 AT WHICH TIME WE MAY ALSO LEARN FROM HIM OTHER DONOR INTENTIONS. WE THINK IT UNNECESSARY RAISE MATTER IN DONOR COUNTRY CAPITALS AND SUGGEST THAT YOU NEED NOT RPT NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH DONOR REPS IN JAKARTA OTHER THAN JAPANESE, AUSTRALIAN, AND DUTCH. IF ASKED BY
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OTHERS, YOU COULD OF COURSE GIVE SAME EXPLANATION WHICH WE

INTEND TO USE HERE, AS FOLLOWS:

2. CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE ON AID IN GENERAL AND ON INDONESIA AID PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR MUCH MORE INTENSE IN LIGHT RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN FINANCIAL POSITION OF WORLD'S OIL PRODUCING NATIONS. RELUCTANTLY, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT FY 75 AID REQUEST TO CONGRESS (DUE TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK) FOR INDONESIA MUST BE REDUCED FROM LEVELS PLANNED AT TIME OF LAST IGGI. THIS MEANS THAT FUNDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN AMOUNTS ADEQUATE TO MEET 1973/74 AND

1974/75 PLEDGES. WHILE EXACT 1974/75 LEVELS STILL UNCERTAIN, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE SUBSTANTIAL AID PROGRAM TO INDONESIA AND TO CONTINUE OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE IGGI. WE CONTINUE TO URGE OTHER DONORS TO DO THE SAME. OUR PLANNED INDONESIA PROGRAM WILL STILL BE THE LARGEST U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE WORLD. OUR CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST IS 60 MILLION DOLS IN DL FOR FY 75. PL-480 WILL BE PROVIDED AS AVAILABLE AND OUR PL-480 PLANNING FIGURE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION FOR FY 75 IS 116 MILLION DOLS. RUSH

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